



# RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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SPECIAL DISTRICTS DIVISION

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable.

Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

### CSA-16 Sumner Hills Water System Did Not Meet Treatment Requirement (Disinfection Byproducts)

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what you should do, what happened, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

- Source Water Alkalinity, and TTHM and HAA5 – “We routinely monitor for Total Organic Carbon (TOC) and alkalinity in our source and total trihalomethanes (TTHM) and haloacetic acids (five) (HAA5) in our distribution system. This information tells us whether we are effectively removing disinfection byproduct (DBP) precursors from the water supply. During the past 12 months, our distribution system monitoring had the results shown in the tables below.

Parameter	Results (mg/L)	Standard (mg/L)
Alkalinity	<20	Greater than 60

Parameter	Results			
	Low (µg/L)	Range (µg/L)	Average (µg/L)	Standard (µg/L)
TTHM	51.0	62.0	56.5	No Greater Than 40.0
HAA5	52.0	52.0	52.0	No Greater Than 30.0

### What should I do?

- You do not need to boil your water or take other actions.

- This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately.
- *Disinfection byproducts include trihalomethanes (THMs) and haloacetic acids (HAAs). Drinking water containing these byproducts in excess of the MCL may lead to adverse health effects, liver or kidney problems, or nervous system effects, and may lead to an increased risk of getting cancer.*
- If you have other health issues concerning the consumption of this water, you may wish to consult with your doctor.

### **What happened? What is being done?**

The disinfection byproducts are formed when chlorine reacts with organic material in the water. Surface water naturally has organic materials in it. Where your water is drawn from the river there is high levels of organic material. Correction this problem will require upgrading of your water treatment plant. We are currently reviewing potential solutions and funding options. We will keep you informed of the process. You will continue to receive quarterly notices until we resolve the problem.

For more information you may contact the Special Districts Office at (559) 675-7820 or at 2037W. Cleveland Ave., Madera, CA 93637. You may also find useful information on this topic at the EPA website: <http://www.epa.gov/safewater>.

*Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this public notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.*

### **Secondary Notification Requirements**

Upon receipt of notification from a person operating a public water system, the following notification must be given within 10 days [Health and Safety Code Section 116450(g)]:

- **SCHOOLS:** Must notify school employees, students, and parents (if the students are minors).
- **RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTY OWNERS OR MANAGERS** (including nursing homes and care facilities): Must notify tenants.
- **BUSINESS PROPERTY OWNERS, MANAGERS, OR OPERATORS:** Must notify employees of businesses located on the property.

This notice is being sent to you by County Service Area 16, Sumner Hills

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